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DETAILED ACTION

Supplemental Action

1. The following is a supplemental action to the Office action filed December 3, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed November 3, 2003 has been entered and considered. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 by the Examiner is attached.

Drawings

3. The drawings filed November 3, 2003 appear to be formal and are acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-22 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark D. Wieczorek (Reg. No. 37,966) on March 1, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, delete lines 8-12 and substitute therefore:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial number 10/300,167 filed November 19, 2002, which is now U.S. Patent 6,683,556, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial number 09/976,260 filed October 11, 2001, which is now U.S. Patent 6,489,916.

In the claims:

In claim 3, line 1, change "3" to - - 1 - -.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Sotomayor whose telephone number is 571-272-6978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom H. Tarcza, can be reached on 571-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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